use of alloy and special steel in the country: and

Overseas Branches of Nationalised Banks

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) As a part of the exercise of finalising the VII Plan projections for steel, demand and availability of alloy and special steels was studied by a Sub-group set up by the Planning Commission. The recommendations of this Sub-group have been kept in view while finalising the VII Plan recommendations.

Suspension Dismissal of Officer in the Overseas Branches of Nationalised Banks

1939. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the particulars of officials of overseas branches of nationalised banks who have been placed under suspension or dismissed during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what posts were held by each of these officers at the time of their suspension or dismissal; and

(c) what are the nature of charges in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, to the extent available.

Resentment over revised guidelines for Banks

1940. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the resentment amongst Bank officials at various levels over the revised guidelines issued by Government recently changing the categories of branches and the staff criteria and incumbency of the officer's grade to head such branches; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) In accordance with the provision of Officer Service Regulations, branches have to be classified into small, medium, large etc. according to the criteria to be approved by Government. Government had earlier issued certain guidelines indicating the criteria for classifying branches. These criteria have been recently revised and fresh guidelines have been issued under which, among other things, the criteria for business turn-over have been revised upwards. The All India Confederation of Bank Officers Organisation (AICOBCO) in its circulars have objected to the modifications in the criteria for categorisation of branches on the plea that large number of posts will have to be downgraded and promotonal avenues will be very much reduced. This matter is being reviewed.

Grant of coal dealerships to unemployed Graduates

1941. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 10 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the quantum of coal being imported annually at present; and

(b) whether Government to grant coal dealerships to unemployed graduates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Steel Authority of India Limited expects to import approximately 1.5 million tonnes of coking coal in 1985-86.

(b) Steel Authority of India Limited imports coking coal but this has no link with grant of coal dealerships.